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Applicants : Kazumasa AYUKAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3682

Appln. No. : 09/961,365

Examiner: M. CHARLES

Filed : September 25, 2001

For : THIN AUTOTENSIONER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on March 2, 2004, Applicants submit the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Extension of Time.
- ☒ No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims: 20	* 20	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0.00
Indep. Claims: 6	**6	0	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			145=	\$	+290=	\$0.00
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